

PRAIRIE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2027
Senior Parent Night

Overview

- Welcome
- Senior Meetings, Graduation Requirements, Postsecondary Planning and Support (Counseling Staff: Ms. Hicks and Ms. Zelkin)
- Important Senior Information on Graduation (Class of 2027 Sponsor, Ms. Schneider)

Senior Meetings

Happening Now! (Started Sept 8th)

All seniors are pre-scheduled for their 20 minute, one-on-one, meeting with their counselor.

We cover the following::

- Graduation Status (including Credit Recovery courses needed, if applicable)
- Demonstration Status
- Community Service
- Next steps for post-secondary plans
- Important Dates and Events

Follow-up emails to parents will be sent to parents/students after each meeting. Students will need to contact counselor to reschedule if they miss their meeting.

Graduation Requirements

2 Credit Completion

Students must complete a minimum of 46 credits.

Subject Area	#
English Language Arts	8
Math	6
Science	6
History	4
Economics	1
Political Science	1
Health	1
Physical Education	2
Career & Technical Education	2
Humanities	2
Electives	13
Graduation Total	46

3 College/Career Demonstration

Students must complete one measure of college and career readiness in English and one in Math.

Demonstration	English	Math
SAT All students must take the SAT	470 Minimum score for competency	500 Minimum score for competency
AP Classes Advanced Placement	2 Minimum score in Eligible AP Courses	2 Minimum score in Eligible AP Courses
Concurrent Enrollment College Course	Passing Grade in Eligible College-Level Course	Passing Grade in Eligible College-Level Course
Industry Certificate	Industry Certificate completion Fulfills both Math & English career readiness demonstrations.	
Pathway Completion	Pathway completion Fulfills both Math & English career readiness demonstrations.	
ASVAB Military Service Exam	31 Minimum AFQT score fulfills both Math and English career readiness demonstrations.	

4 Community Service

Students must complete 20 hours of community service as part of the graduation requirements.

*Fine Arts, Performing Arts, World Languages, Academic elective courses may be counted as Humanities credits.

*Up to 2 physical education credits may be awarded for successful completion of a CHSAA-approved sport or participation in Marching Band.

*Any course completed that does not count for subject area requirements listed above is considered an Elective Credit course.

Demonstrations

If one or both of the English and Math Demonstrations have not yet been met, your senior will be advised on other options for meeting demonstration requirements. Their counselor will provide them with more information.

Emails will state if this requirement has already been met, or as to how your student is planning to meet it (e.g. *SAT score, Industry Certificate, Pathway, ASVAB score, Workkeys test*).

Community Service Requirement

All PVHS graduates must have a minimum of five hours of community service for EACH year at PVHS. Service can be either volunteer or experiential e.g. job shadowing. We expended what we can accept. Make sure it is something that they are not receiving payment for!!

Some students complete these at PVHS during the school year during off periods or lunch hours. Opportunity and ideas are posted in Google Classroom.

Post-secondary Planning

Planning for the Future!!

We're in this together.

Postsecondary Support

Beginning September 8th - One-on-one Senior Meetings

Sept 22nd - Oct 22nd- Application Help in Counseling Career Center During Both Lunches Tuesdays - Thursdays (students do not need to sign up in advance - just show up with your chromebook!)

September 23rd- Financial Aid Parent Presentation at PVHS , 6:00pm

October 1st - FAFSA Application Opens

October 20th, 21st, 22nd - Colorado's Free College Application Week (Submit applications to Colorado public institutions for FREE these days!!)

December 10th - FAFSA Assistance Workshop at PVHS from 5:30-7pm (one-on-one help)

Ongoing - College Visits and College Fairs (posted to Google Classrooms)

Postsecondary Support

Application types: Common App or “Direct to the Institution”

Not using Naviance starting this year. We are using a new platform (“PATHFUL”) this year and it is still in the implementation phase. More to come!

Seniors who are working in the Common Application SHOULD NOT add their Counselor or Teachers into the Common Application. Counselors will let students know the process once the new platform, is fully implemented - likely in the next week.

Application Deadline Definitions

Students are encouraged to complete applications for any four year colleges/universities before November 1st!!! For Colorado public institutions, apply for free Oct 20th - 22nd.

Application deadline definitions that colleges reference:

Early Action (non-binding) - *Students encouraged to apply by this deadline*

Rolling Admission - *can apply anytime but still advised to apply in the Fall so they have time to submit timely FAFSA applications*

Early Decision (legally binding contract!!!) - *Not common, used with elite colleges only - students must speak with your counselor before applying this way!!*

Letters of Recommendation

If you DO need a letter:

- Determine how many and who they need to come from
- Determine deadline and plan ahead. (Teachers should have a minimum of two weeks to write a letter!!)
 - Complete a BRAG SHEET
 - Complete your resume
- Ask your teacher IN PERSON and give them a copy of your Brag Sheet and resume

College Entrance Testing (SAT / ACT)

- All Colorado Institutions are currently “Test Optional”
- If scores are required for out-of-state college, students must send scores through CollegeBoard.com (scores not on PVHS transcripts)
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- Some more selective schools will require scores
- Scholarships may require scores
- Sometimes it may still be good to submit scores...it depends

College Entrance Testing (SAT / ACT)

If your student wants to take another SAT (or ACT) test.

SAT Register at [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)

ACT Register at [ACT.org](https://act.org)

Financial Aid / FAFSA

FAFSA will open on October 1st

Attend PVHS Financial Aid Night - Sept 23rd from 6:00-7:30pm

FAFSA completion workshops are offered at all 27J high schools - PVHS will host this on December 10th from 5:30pm - 7pm in Commons. We will post all of the dates in the Google Classroom for students to see.

[Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) - FAFSA website

Scholarships

- Can start exploring options now, but focus on college applications first
- Scholarship Group will start later this semester - during Advisory
- (Watch Google Classroom for announcements)
- LOCAL scholarships are posted to Advisory Google Classrooms and sent out in emails to students/parents in the Spring (most local ones typically do not open until Spring)

Scholarships - Where else to look:

- Colleges' websites - specific merit-based scholarships. *(These are typically automatic awards for attending if you meet specific GPA and test score requirements.)*
- Scholarships | Brighton Colorado - www.brightonco.gov/1034/scholarships (also sent out via email when these open)
- Employers - parents' employers or your own place of employment
- Churches, non-profit organizations, military family benefits, large companies
- National Search Engines: www.fastweb.com, cappex.com, finaid.org

Military: Enlistment Options

- Recruiters do come to PVHS during lunches
- Counselors encourage students to include parents in conversation, have parents join when visiting recruitment offices, and explore all branches (career opportunities vary)
- ASVAB testing available twice a semester - sign up in advance through Google Classroom
 - Study! Minimum scores required for some military programs
 - www.asvabpracticetestonline.com
 - *ASVAB for Dummies* - available on Amazon
- Military Requirements
 - Most, if not all, branches of military require High School Diploma and physical fitness requirements
- Academy Appointments/ROTC Scholarships - Lengthy process and already should have started!

EMPLOYMENT

Resumes

Seniors encouraged to update these - activity during Advisory
Clean up social media accounts for prospective employers

Apprenticeships / Workforce

CTE instructors can be helpful in advising on pathways

[Colorado Apprenticeships](#)

[Government Apprenticeship Site](#)

All Things Senior to Celebrate

- September 10 & 11 - Jostens in Front Lobby
- Cap & Gown Ordered No Later than December 31st
- October 30 - Senior Pics Due for Yearbook
- October 30 - Last day for Baby Ads Discount
- November 17 - Last day for Baby Ads
- February 18 - Senior Class Picture during Advisory
 - Top 15 Announced
- Prom - May 8 - Event Center at Infinity Park in Glendale
- Senior Last Day of Class - Fri - May 21
- Senior Check Out - Wed - May 26
 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm FastPass, Others 5:00pm - 7:30pm



Cap & Gown Pictures & Chromebook Check Out - During Advisory in April & May. Students will receive schedule in Advisory and it will be sent out in Mr. Shelton's weekly letter

All Things Senior to Celebrate

- Senior Celebration Day - Friday, May 28th
 - Graduation Rehearsal* Noon - 1:15p,m
 - Black, Gold & Beyond 1:30 pm - 3:20 pm
 - Moving Up 3:30 pm - 4:10pm
 - Car Parade 6:45 line up, 7:00pm start
 - BBQ 7:30pm - 8:30pm
 - Fireworks 8:40pm - 9:00pm



But Wait...There's More

Graduation

- Friday - June 4 at 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Blue Arena in Loveland
- No limit to the number of guests
- Graduates must arrive at 4:30, families will be allowed in at 5:00

Cap & Gown Information

- Jostens on Campus Friday, Sept 11 during both lunches to pick up orders
- Jostens Online Order - link on fact sheet
- Gowns are all Black (no striping or other details)
- Caps are printed with PVHS logo which must be viewable
- Tassels are black & gold
- Medal is gold metal with gold ribbon
- Academic & Activity Stoles/Cords/Pins provided by PVHS are presented to students by the awarding teacher/organization
- Any Stole, Cord or Pin that a student would like to wear for cultural significance, must be approved by **May 29 by Mr. Shelton**. Unapproved items will not be allowed during the ceremony
- No adornments can include cash money as part of the decoration